PLUNDERING THE MAILS

Letter Bags Stolen from Express Wagons-Pouches Cut and Rifled.

ARREST OF THE THIEVES

Five Thousand Letters Recovered-Is the Hewitt Mystery Explained ?

Under the system by which the United States mail service is carried on it would appear almost impossible that a letter could be lost while in transit, much less abstracted from the mail. Within the last three years great improvements have been adopted and uch safeguards thrown around the mails that very S Howitt that his letters had been tampered with. fell like a bombshell in the midst of a crowd. He did not charge that any of his mail had been abstracted or destroyed, but that some of the letters were opened and rescaled, in which condition they reached him. The Congressional investigation of Mr. S. S. Cox's committee entirely exonerates the Post Office authoronstrates that the thing was impossible to happen within the New York Post Office. how it might happen outside the building and in this city is now made A CLEW TO THE MYSTERY.

For several months past Postmaster James was terribly annoyed with communications in regard to nonappearance of letters which were mailed from remote est detectives at work to unravel the mystery, but without success. In the meantime, however. Dodd's Express Company, which has the contract to carry the mails to and from the trains to the Post Office, and from one railway depot to the other, was losing baggage; and in mentioning this fact to Postmaster James he concluded to co-operate with this company and ascertain if possible whether the "leak" in the mails might not occur from this source. Mr. Anthony Yeoman, General Superintendent, was detailed by the Postmaster, and Special Agent B. K. Sharretts at once took the matter in hand. At the same time Mr. A. S. Dodd employed Pinkerton's Detective Agency to work up the case, while Mr. D. B. Parker, Chief Special Agent of the Post Office Department, was taken into the confidence of all the parties. The lost baggage part was shrewdly worked up by the detectives, and within a few days past the Post Office authorities became convinced that the missing letters were lost through the drivers of the mail wagons. The investigations of Mr. Sharretts revealed the fact that mail bags in which letters were forwarded were cut open before arriving at the Post Office, showing conclusively that the depredations were the work of outsiders. A driver of one of Dodd's wagons, named John De Frees, was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the operation, but he strenuously denies his guilt. Besides this man the agents of Pinkerton's Agency arrested James Crawford, of No. 111 Prince street; Mary Jane Collins, No. 111 Prince street; John Kelly, No. 2 Clinton place, and another man, on suspicion of being concerned in these

Warrants were obtained from Police Justice Duffy for the arrest of these parties, as well as to search their premises. On proceeding to No. 111 Prince street the officers were rewarded by finding several large bundies, containing, probably, five thousand letters, mostly all of them broken open and rifled of valuable contents, if there were any in them. In the trunk owned by the woman Collins a number of letters were also found. A quantity of empty leather mai pouthes were picked up in several places, minus the contents, cut open on the sides, through which the letters were obtained. While no direct proof can as yet be shown that the driver De Frees was one of the party to the systematic robberies, he is alleged to have winked at the operations and allowed the thieves to abstract the bags from his wagon while driving through the streets. All the bags thus taken were from mails arriving by the Pennsylvania, Erie and other roads arriving via Jersey City. The Prisosness Arradona.

Late on Tuesday night the above mentioned prisoners were taken to the fombs and locked up. Yesterday morning they were brought before Justice Duffy, who at once turned them over to the United States authorities. Messrs, Sharretts, Parker, Sange, Pinkerton and others had them under strict examination, and whatever statement the prisoners made was kept secretin fact, if the arrest had not leaked out nothing would have been said about it until all the parties concerned in this transaction were brought to justice. At dark yesterday evening the culprus were sent to lundow Street Jail, where they are now confined on a temporary commitment, and will be brought to the United States Court to-day and examined by one of the United States Commissioners.

about ten per cent. By the energetic means we have alopted I think that this robbing system is about broken up."

General, conclusions.

It is easy to be seen that this systematic wholesale mail robberty has been carried on to an alarming extent. It is not to be wondered at that letters look as it they had been tampered with. It is more than likely that these parties were in possession of a restrict by which they steamed the letters loop," as considered in the letters rough." As considered in the letters rough," as considered in the letters required some of them to the communed in the letters required some of them to the signatures lorged on the back and the money obtained thereon within a few days past.

Further developments of a startling nature are sure to follow this breaking up of a most formidable gang of mail depredators.

Mr. Sharrers' story.

Special agent of the Post office, B. K. Sharrets, gave a Herald reporter last night, the following interesting version of the affair:

About four weeks ago a great many business people of Philadelphia became greatly excited over the miscarriage of letters from their only to Boston. The robberies grew to such an extent that the Post Office Department detailed several special agents to investigate the matter at Philadelphia. The impression in the department was that the robberies occarred in that city. Subsequently a large number of checks mailed in Philadelphia of Boston were presented for payment in the former cuty and paid on sented for payment in the former cuty and paid on sented for payment in the former cuty and paid on sented for payments. The payments, se far as we can trace them, amount to about \$5,000. In the mantime Detective Pinkerton was engaged in looking after parties who were suspected of robbing baging after parties who were suspected of an extent that the past page of the care of Dodd's Express Co

to hold the packages, as the men who had deposited them were "suspects." This was done, and a mail bag was discovered. Mr. George Bangs, Pinkerton's superintendent, then called upon me and informed me of what had been found. On reaching the office I found a mail bag cut open, which had been despatched from York, Pa., addressed to this city. Upon examination of this bag a number of mutilated letters were found inside bearing the York post mark of 15th and 16th December. We also found at the express office another package containing a satchel, belonging to a route agent named Stevenson, which package had been stolen from his mail wagon while in transit for the New York Post Office and Jers y City lerry. It contains a registering book, stamps and other materials for rating and stamping letters. These two packages were carefully put in wrappers, the hadi bag being addressed to George Pemberton, Oswego, New York, and the satchel to W. P. Havens, Oswego, New York, which are fictatious names, the idea being to get the packages out of the way. Here was our clew and starting point. Fortlied with this information Pinkerton's officers, assisted by Police Officer Blackwoot, who is detailed for duty at the Post Office, made in the first place, the arrest of James Crawford, formerly a driver of Doud's express. He was brought to my office. The officers then arrested John Kelly, Mary Collins and Clinton Endy, son of the late Edward Eddy. A search warrant was issued by Justice Duffy, at the Tombs, and intrusted to Mr. Robert Pinkerton, Mr. Anthony Yeomans and Officer Blackwoot. They formerly a driver of Dodd's express. He was fooding to my office. The officers then arrested John Kelly, Mary Colina and Clinton Eddy, son of the late Edward Eddy. A search warrant was insued by Justice Duffy, at the Tombs, and intrusted to Mr. Robert Pinkerton, Mr. Anthony Yeomans and Officer Blackburn. They searched the premises of Miss Colinas, in Prince street, where Kelly and his gang congregated, and found in a trunk, claimed to be owned by Miss Colinas, a large number of letters mailed at Philadelphia on 28th December, and which contained checks amounting to about \$30,000. Among the letters found were a number indicating checks which were missing. One referred to a check for \$2,000 which was mailed at Philadelphia on the 28th December by Messrs. Nelson Brothers & Co., of Philadelphia, and addressed to Mr. A. J. Tillson, of Boston. On the 30th December it was paid by the Commercial Bank of Philadelphia on a forged indorsement. The party who presented the check asked to have the som in \$60 and \$100 bills, which were given him. The arrested parties denied all knowledge of the letters found in the trunk; but subsequently, through the unitring efforts of Chief Special Agent B. B. Parker and Postmaster James, revelations were obtained which threw great light upon the matter.

Hew THE ROBERTIES WERE COMMITTED.

The mode of the operations was as foliows:—A driver of Mr. Dodd's express wagon, named John De Friest, would be met by John Kelly and Crawford, while coning from the Jersey City lerry to the New York Post Office. The latter would then take from the wagon, with De Friest's connivance, a mail bag. On time defined the consensations they took from his wagon two through pouches from Philadelphia to others have been sent to fictitious addresses at Toronto and Quebec. De Friest has been in the employ of Dodd's Express Company for about ten years, and has always been very correct in his accounts. About a year ago, when five divers were arrested, De Friest was found to be correct in his accounts.

POPE PIUS IX

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ELEVATION TO THE EPISCOPACY.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3, 1877. The Roman Catholic Church throughout the world will, on the 21st of next May, celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the elevation of Pope Pius IX, to the dignity of the Episcopate, and circulars issued in Rome have been received in this city, sent by the committee having charge of the ceremonies by which it is proposed to honor the event. The circular states that contributions of money or afts may be sent to His Holiness, but Archbishop Wood, of this dioceso, re-quests that money will be given instead of other gifts. The following is Archbishop Wood's letter to the

CATHEDRAL LOGAN SQUARE, PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31, 1876. We recommend the following circulars to the pious consideration of our clergy and people:

The occasion is a most remarkable one, and well worthy of some extraordinary effort to show our loyalty and fidelity to the great Pontiff, Plus IX.

We think it advisable that contributions should be made in money, as more easy of transmission. We shall be very happy to receive them and anthorize the reverend clergy of the diocese to do the same. On or about Easter Sunday we will send them to Rome, with the names of contributors, as

lesired.

May God biess and preserve our Holy Father.

+ JAMES F. WOOD.

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Archishop of Philadelphia.

The circulars were inclosed in the following letter from Mrs. General Sherman:—

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6, 1876.

Most Reverend She-Thave the honor to forward to you the accompanying circulars which have been sent to me by a committee of distinguish ladius and gentlemen in Kome, for distribution among the bights and gentlemen in Kome, for distribution among the bights and gentlemen in Kome, for distribution among the bights of the United States, in reference in Father and the same of the distribution of the fitteen and the same of the Hitch and the Father devation to the Episcopacy. These does not be a support of the Father's devation to the Episcopacy. These does not be a support of the Father's devation to the Episcopacy. These does not be supported to the following the cond of March, the first to be put on exhibition at the Yatican, the second to be bound in an illuminated album in Rome. * Deputations from each country are invited to flock to the feet of His Holmess on this his jubilee feast, and they will be received in one andlence, together with the Roman Committee, and thus we trust that the whole world will be represented, like one family colourating the feast of the common Father of the Fathful at the Vatican, on the 21st of May, 1877."

I take the liberty to add that in this diocese the reverent elergy have determined thaving the episconal salection that the gifts of the inithful be in money, and that any sum, however small, be accepted. They propose also that only the names of the several contributors be inscribed on the rolls, and not the amounts given by each.

Submitting this whole matter to your seal and wisdom, I have the homor, most reverend sir, to be, with the highest respect, your humble servant.

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ELLEN EWING SHERMAN.

ARCHBISHOP HUGHES' MEMORY.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral in Mott street vesterday morning, at nine o'clock, was celebrated a grand re

was seriously if not fatally burned in her dressing room last evening. While arranging her costume her light goesamerlike garments came in contact with the stove and caught fire. In a few moments the stove and caught fire. In a few moments she was in a blaze and dashed from the theatre to the street, passing through a hail alongside but separate from the theatre, leading out through a barroom. Here she was helped to extinguish the flames. She was removed to her residence, No. 13 Ward street, and attended by Drs. Dickey and Osborne. Her injuries are very severe and may prove latat. Part of the flesh came oil with her stockings. The worst burns are about the body. The performance had not commenced when the burning took place. There was no excitement among the audience, who knew nothing of what had occurred.

REMEDIAL JUSTICE.

There was a second special meeting of the Bar Assoclation last night, with Mr. Edgar S. Van Winkle in the chair, to consider the printed amendments to the the chair, to consider the printed amondments to the Gode of Remedial Justice which have been proposed by a committee of the Bar Association. Of the sixty-two amendments printed forty had been acted upon at a previous ineeting. The remainder were taken up and, with occasional variations from the text, many of them were adopted. Until, however, their piace is fixed in the code even the profession would not have a clear conception of their bearing on present practice. The design is to have them acted on by the Legislature at this session.

PRINCETON'S SHAM BATTLE.

THE COMMEMORATION OF WASHINGTON'S VIC-TORY-THE BRITISH AND CONTINENTALS FIGHT AND DINE TOGETHER-NO GORE SPILLED.

The centennial of the battle of Princeton was celebrated yesterday with great spirit and éclat by the pairiotic Princetonians. The sham battle was a rather small affair as compared with that of Trenton. Only these were seized upon by the police after the battle for a too liberal celebration of the day, and locked up, the commemoration may be regarded a success. Company B, First regiment Pa. N. G., arrived on Monday evening from Philadelphia at half-past nine o'clock. They proceeded to Cook's Hall, where they "camped down" on the floor, and thus Yesterday morning's train brought the four companies from Newark who represented the British troops, and the two from Elizabeth who enacted the Continentals, (What would Washington have said had he seen the two contending hosts come comfortably down upon Trenton in the same rational car?) Princeton only furnished the Washington Continental Guard, about orty men, arrayed in the old Continental uniform, and two companies of so-called "ragamuffins," whose costumes ranged from fur caps to stovepipes, and from Ulsters to navy blue overshirts.

A QUEER CAUSE OF DELAY. The battle was to have been begun at eleven o'clock, but there was a slight delay, owing to the failure of Mr. Briner, one of the Committee of Arrangements, to

"You see," said that good natured and easy going gentleman, "we thought we could get the cartridges rom the Trenton Arsenal, and at the last moment we found there were none there and had to go to Now York for them." And he added, laughingly, "By George! I thought we were not going to have any battle at all."

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The cartridges having arrived, the troops having breaktasited and wiped their lips in readiness for the bioody business, General Washington and Colonel Mawhood, commander of the red coats, having amicably taken their last drink together, the troops, both English and Continentals, were formed on Nassau atreet, botween the college grounds and the University little, and marched in double die down to the battle ground, General Washington (represented by General J. Macison Drake, of Elizabeth, surrounded by his staff, riving at the bead of the Continental army of 175, and followed by Goinel Allen, of Newark, who represented Colonel Mawhood, of British military renown, commanding about 150 men. By this time Trinceton was pretty well filled with strangers who had come to winess the show, and Nassau street, which is the main thoroughfare, presented a lively aspect. The buildings were decorated with flags and arms, and a very respectable crowd of curious sight-seers thronged the sidewalks and popped their heads out of the windows. The snow was batked up four feet high on both addes of the roadway, leaving only a clear track for sieights in the middle, through which the two armies defiled. Company G, Phil. Kearney's Guard, of Elizabeth; Company B, First Pennsylvania, and Company B, Princeton Continentals, Jorned the main column of Washington's army.

The last mentioned company was commanded by Captain John H. Margerum, a gentleman in the stove and in business. All classes of the people were represented in this patrict celebration. Captain A. L. Green, of Company A, Princeton Continentals, is a sash and bind maker, and Captain James Legget; of Company C, is an industrious and reliable blacksmith of the town. The composition of General Washington's staff also illustrated how thoroughly popular an affair this was a John F. Hagemann, colonel and chief of stuffer, and a st

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THE SCHOOL HOUSE OF THE FUTURE.

At the meeting of the Medico-Legal Society last evening, the special Committee on Hygiene in our Pub lie Schools submitted as an appendix to the report discussed at the last meeting, a series of practical suggestions. The meeting was held in the pariors of the Academy of Medicine, Professor Hamilton presiding. After the usual routine business had been transacted, Mr. George H. Yeamans read the supple--mentary report of his committee. It consisted of four propositions:—First, that the minimum age of admission to the public schools be made six years instead of four; second, that the minimum attendance at school, for children under eight years of age, be reduced to three hours per day, with anitable intermissions; third, that provision be made by law for medical inspection and supervision, to secure the adoption and euloreement of sanitary rules and of the laws of health; fourth, that larger play grounds should as far as possible be furnished for the children, and that in improving existing school houses, uniformly in building new ones, they should be surrounded on all sides with an adequate open space, the better to secure aght, ventifiation and play ground. Dr. Agnew, who has been engaged for some years in collecting and collating the statistics of hear-sightedness as a progressive disorder in children attending the public schools in the leading cities of the United States, was introduced, and read an exhausilve paper on that subject. propositions:-First, that the minimum age of admis-

ROOT OR DIE.

GENERAL FRANCIS C. BAHLOW CHALLENGES FELLOW LAWYER TO MORTAL COMBAT-THE DREADFUL OUTLOOK.

The legal fraternity as well as fraternities in genera who do not dabble in the law for a living were thrown into a learful state of excitement yesterday by the rumor that General Francis C. Barlow and another limb of the law. Mr. Elihu Root, were making preparations to the code ductio. The wildest kind of talk was indulged in about the matter by those who knew nothing whattween the two gentlemen, while those who did know something about it taiked, if possible, even more wildly than the initiated. However, the skies look still clear and though the coffee for two may be called for, it is not likely that the pistols will be needed till the next

A HERALD reporter who called upon Mr. Barlow during the day, was informed that he considered the letter written by him, in which the supposed declaration of war was found, was not really intended for anything of the sort. General Barlow denied all intention or desire of blowing Mr. Root to atoms, and laughed at the absurd construction that had

been put upon his badinage.

From what the friends of Mr. Root declare, it would seem that he views the matter in a far more serious

A TERRIBLE OUTLOOK. One of his (Root's) partners stated that while General Barlow might consider his letter as a funny affair, the recipient, and triends to whom he had submitted it, entertained different notions. Unknown to Mr. Root, some of his friends, who considered the alleged joke serious enough to warrant such a course, had placed the matter before the District Attorney and others of the authorities. He "did not care" (he said this with a shudder) to attempt to predict what the final result would be. The followdict what the final result would be. The following is the correspondence which spread such terror in the ranks of the followers of Blackstone. It may be stated that two uptown undertakers, who got wird some days ago of the trouble that was brewing, sent their price lists to General Barlow and Mr. Root on New Year's Day, with their warmest New Year congratuations, which, strange to say, omitted to wish them many happy returns of the day.

THE AGGRAVATIONS.

NEW YORK, 208 Broadway, Dec. 27, 1870.

DEAR SIR—I have heretofore requested the return of my written argument in the case of the People vs. The Bank of North America.

Dark Sin-1 nave breedone requested the reach of my written argument in the case of the People vs. The Bank of North America.

I make now a further and formal request, for the purpose of basing upon it, if still uncompiled with, an action of replevin, or if the argument has been destroyed an action of trorer, coupled with the arrest of the guilty parties. Yours, Acc. PRANCIS C. BARLOW. ELINU ROOT, Esq.

DECEMBER 27, 1876, FRANCIS C. BARLOW, Esq. :DEAR SIR-Don't be a damned fool. Yours, &c..
ELIHU ROOT.

DEAR SIR—Dun't be a damed fool. Yours &c..

ELIHU ROOT. Esq:—

SIR—I have re-eived your letter of this date containing an offensive epithet. I regret that the legal controversy between us I alude now to the conversion of my written argument) should have become embarrassed by the personalities which you have chosen to ornar into the controversy. I should have preferred to leave the matters of difference between us to the courts, but I must accept the personalisms which you have interjected into the affair.

At the outset I am embarrassed by an indistinctness in the writing of your last note. I am not certain whether its offensive word used by you for rather one of them, to speak with entire accuracy) is "dammed" or "darned." Some of my friends whom I have consulted think that the latter is the expression, which may possibly be less offensive in its implication than the former. I should be glad if it at point could be actited at the outset; but without dwelling longer on this point I make the following requests of you, in order to lay a basis for future action:—

First—That you will define your exact meaning, or rather that you will state whether the seljective of your letter of to-day was "damned" or "darned.

Second—That you will define your exact meaning, or rather that you will affar will be enough that you may simply. "I will daw the collowing requests of you, if my note of or "darned."

Schould you decline both the above propositions. I must declare my inture course—not by way of threat, for I consider that unbecoming—but simply that you may realize exactly the situation. I request that you will inform me on or before tweive M, of Saturday next, whether you will meet mo at a point to be designated by yourself, in Canada, during the coming week, that we may settle this matter of diffrence in a dirnified way. If you answer in the affirmative, I will request a friend to wait upon you whom you can refer to some gentieman who will act for your and wherever I may meet you, always excepting, of using the courts as

anything further in your communication.

"Scared was he?" exclaimed a lawyer with whom the Herald reporter conversed concerning Ar. Root's view of the General's coalienge. "Why shouldn't he have been scared, or, rather to put it more correctly, convinced that Barlow meant business? Root is no smail chicken, let me tell you, and he can roost just as high as Barlow any day if the roof will let him climb. He isn't afraid of any man, or weman cither for that matter, but he doesn't him climb the batcher, business. It is beneath him. You see Barlow has been down South lately, and it may be that Root thought he had imbibed a little too freely while down there of the ways of the Southerners, especially those he adopts when he wants to settle a difference of opinion between himself and a neighbor, and so at once concluded that Barlow meant war to the bowie knite." ence of opinion between that Barlow meant war to the bowie knite."

The District Attorney has not yet ordered the arrest of either General Barlow or Mr. Root.

PIGEON SHOOTING.

The annual monthly meeting of the members of the Fountain Shooting Club took place at Brown's Hotel, Ocean Boulevard, Long Island, yesterday after noon. Each member who had a hand in the sport shot at 7 birds, 21 yards rise, 80 yards boundary, from H and F traps, the Long Island rules to govern. members put in appearance on the club grounds to contest for the prize, which was a beautiful gold badge. Dr. Race was the lucky holder of the badge previously; but John McMohan carried off the honors on this occasion by winning the prize after having tied on the first seven birds with the crack shot, Henry Miller. The following is

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THE SCORE.
McMoban
Mr. Ditmess officiated as referee.

At the curling match played yesterday in the Central Park, for the Dairymple medal, which was won by the "South" last year, there were eleven rinks in use, and the number of curlers was eighty-eight. The "North made 228 shots, the 'South' 201, a majority of 27 for the "North," which, of course, gave them the victory and the medal. The game lasted four hours.

TRITON BOAT CLUB.

The Triton Boat Club has chosen the following officers for the ensuing year:-President, Louis E. Saunier; Vice President, Wallace Vanness; Secretary, George H. F. Gray; Treasurer, Archibaid W. Conklin; Captain, George D. Small; Lieutenant, W. A. Brintzing-Laptain, George D. Small; Lieutenant, W. A. Brintzing-hoffer, Jr.; Log Keeper, James McClave; Board of Trustees, Messra John C. Littell, Charles S. Ginze and J. W. Morrell; Delegates to the Passac River Amateur Rowing Association, Messra Marcus P. Hayne, James L. Myers and Louis E. Saunter. The delegates were instructed to cast their votes for Mr. A. W. Conklin for Commodore.

TREASURE TROVE.

Yesterday afternoon, as Captain Allaire, of the Foureenth precinct, was walking in the Bowery he saw a young centleman of singular appearance go into No. 118 Bowery, with a value in his hand. Suspicious of what it might contain Captain Allaire waited for the reappearance of the young man. When he did come

reappearance of the young man. When he did come out Captain Aliaire accosted him, saying:—"What have you got there?"
"Cothes," was the reply.
"Let's see them," said the Captain.
"Do you think I'm a fool to show you my clothes?"
"I want to see what you've got," said the Captain, taking hold of the value.
"Oh, well, if you want to arrest me, go ahead "
The Captain did go shead, taking the value in one hand and holdidg the man with the other. The value weighed about 200 pounds, and the Captain ielt sure that something was wrong. The man accompanied Aliaire to the corner of Broome and Mulberry streets, where he gave his poince excert the slip and fled. There was not an officer in sight, so the fellow got away. On opening the values the Captain found about \$2,000 worth of pear buttons, which it is believed were lost at Labloth's last week.

THE MEXICAN REVOLUTION.

PROGRESS OF DIAZ'S PARTISANS-OPERATIONS

IN YUCATAN. Affairs in Mexico are progressing slowly but stead-ily in favor of the success of Portirio Diaz, who is strengthening his power wherever he has a foothold Several additional States have recently acknowledged

their lead should certain conditions be accepted.

The steamer City of Havana, recently arrived at this port, brings advices from Vera Cruz up to the 14th of December. A HERALD reporter yesterday visited the purser of the vessel, Dr. A. K. Coney, and learned from him the following facts:—
When Lergo declared himself provisional President

and Yucatan. The great majority of the people there did not pretend to decide between the two other contestants, Porfirio Diaz and Iglesias, but stoutly opposed Lerdo. The latter sent troops, commanded by General Podro Barranda, to Tabasco and Campeche to attack the rebeis who had pronounced against him. When the oth the attacking forces and the rebels combined together and agreed to oppose both Diaz and Iglesias cok command of the combined troops and stationed himself at San Juan Baptista, the capital of Tabasco, on the Tabasco River, about seventy miles from its mouth. Porfirio Diaz, determined to turn the for-

on the Tabasco River, about seventy miles from its mouth. Porfirio Diaz, determined to turn the fortunes of war in his favor by a bold stroke, sent out three expeditions against Barrands. The first left from Oaxaca by land. The second also went by land from Minatillan, in Tehuantepec, under the command of General Vera. The third expedition sailed from Vera Cruz under the command of General Juan de la Luz Enriques, the troops being landed at Frontera, at the mouth of the Tabasco River.

This third expedition was commissioned on the 14th of December and sailed from Vera Cruz on the 16th, it consisted of the Mexican gunboat Libertad, the steamer Pasquelle, a Mexican gunboat Libertad, the steamer Pasquelle, a Mexican railway steam tug and the steamer City of Havana, of the American line. Fifteen nunfreusofders were embarked, together with artillery, army stores, mules and whatever might be necessary to the attack or to transport their ammunition. The little fleet cruised along the const for live days. Every pince where they appeared submitted immediately to Diaz. At Frontera the authorities of inc town immediately surrendered to the steamers without making any resistance whatever. The troops were janded and proceeded to join the other attacking forces, who had gone by land.

The amusing part of the situation is that immediately on the arrival of the squadron before the town the inhabitants raised the white flag in great trepidation. Santa Annta, another small town, scared by the warlike appearance of the black and white smokestack of the City of Havana, surrendered in like manner. A garrison was put in each pace. Each of the three forces attacking forces who had give a presistance. On the 21st of December the City of Havana left Frontera and proceeded on her voyage to New York by way of Havana. Advices from Yucatan up to that date state that General Barranda. The latter will no doubt submit without a struggle, and the State of Yucatan to the latter, provided that some officer be placed in command there who has neve

on the 15th ult.

The reported union of Lordo and Iglesias is denied, it being impossible for them to agree, as each one is strugging for the Presidency. It is rumored at Vera Cruz that Lordo, with General Escobedo and a few officers, has fled to the Pacific coast, intending to embark for the United States.

ROASTING A WOMAN ALIVE.

A HORRIBLE AFFAIR IN THE BERGEN "CROW'S NEST.

One of the large tenement buildings on Harrisch evenue in the Bergen district of Jersey City is inhabited exclusively by colored families. In one apartment lived Oscar Hudson and his mistress, Martha Shuttle. They had been recently leading a very unhappy life, but during the past week they quarrelled night and day. Yesterday at noon the whole neighberhood was alarmed by frightful screams in Hudson's apartment, and a crowd soon followed. He refused to give admission to any one, and the door was forced in. Then a shocking scene was presented. On the floor lay Martha gasping and groaning, the flesh peeled off her intend in the matter of the argument will go on exclusive of this method of settling the personal difficulty arising from the offensive remarks. Should you decline the retractions and explanations, and the other methods of settlement which I propose, and I should not happen to meet you before January 6. I would suggest that you notify Mr. Stanley of our intentions, that he may absent himself from the room until the result of our meeting is determined.

Possibly I shall be compelled to give Mr. Kernan a similar notice as to our meeting is determined.

Possibly I shall be compelled to give Mr. Kernan a similar notice as to our meeting (my meeting with him.) I have written him to inquire whether he is in any way responsible for this offensive note yours of December 27), as it looks to me as if it were a concerted action between you. You would reliave the case from some complications by yourdelf alone responsible for the note of this date. An early answer will oblige me. Yours. Rex.Low.

FRANCIS C. BARLOW, Esq.:—

SIR—Your second letter of the 27th Inst. was received to day.

It contains a threat of assassination unless I comply with your dictation.

That alone is sufficient to preclude me from considering anything further in your communication.

ELIHU ROOT.

"Scared was he?" exclaimed a lawyer with whom

NEW YORK'S FIRE RECORD. In the HERALD of Sunday the losses by fire, insur-

ment were given for eleven months of the year. The last report of the Fire Marshal shows that during last report of the Fire sharshin shows that during pecember there were 139 fires, with an estimated loss of \$173,819, of which \$33,440 was on buildings and \$140,379 on contents. The insurance reached \$1.240,025, of which \$630,650 was on buildings and \$699,475 on stock. The amount of uninsured loss was

ALLEGED CRIMINAL ASSAULT.

Yesterday Anton Werr, of No. 540 Sixth street, and Leo Hutton, of Meserole street, Williamsburg, were committed to jail in default of \$5,000 bail, by Justice Semler, of the Sixth District Court, Brooklyn, to an-Semier, of the Sixth District Court, Brooklyn, to answer the charge of criminally assaulting Isabelia Thorburn, of No. 313 East Thirty-seventh street, this city. The plantiff, who is only filteen years of age, came to Brooklyn intending to visit her aunt, who resides in that city, and losing her way, met the prisoners who, she alleges, outrageously assaulted her. The parents of the girl assert that she has always been well conducted and is a member of a Sunday school class in Dr. Tyng's church. The prisoners, who are butchers by trade, admit having met her, but deay the charge preferred. The complainant is held as a witness.

THE SHINNECOCK SUFFERERS.

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New York, Jan. 3, 1877.
TO THE SHITOR OF THE HERALD:—

I desire to acknowledge the receipt of the following donations in sid of the Shinnecock Indians who were intended to the Shinnecock Indians and the Shinnecock Indians of the Shinnecock Indians (Shinnecock Indians) and the Shin

lyn, E. D., on Thursday morning, January 4, at ton lyn, E. D., on Thursday morning, January 4, at ton o'clock.

Bioserk.—On Tuesday, 2d inst., at Greenwich, Coun., after a long tilness, Mrs. Margaret M. Bioserk, widow of the late Daniel S. Bigsbee, aged 69 years.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services, at the residence of Mr. A. B. Davis, Greenwich, at half-past ten A. M., on Friday, 5th inst. Carringes will be in watting at Greenwich station, New York and New Haven Railroad, upon ar rival of the 9 A. M. train from Grand Central Depot, New York. Interment at Greenwood.

Orange county and Elmira papers please copy.

CLARK.—Suddenly, JAMES F. CLARK, only son of Mary Clark in the 41st year of his age.

Friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No 432 West 42d st., on Friday, the 5th inst., at eleven o'clock A. M.

DEVOY.—On Wednesday, January 3, William DEVOY, in the 46th year of his age.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

Dennes.—uddenly, January 2, of heart disease, Locka Jank, widow of Jaques Dennes, aged 59 years.

The funeral services Friday, the 5th inst., at the residence of W. D. C. Boggs, 76 Chinton av., Brooklyn, Wife of Patrick J. Dooley.

two P. M.

Dooley.—On Wednesday, January 3, Mary Tract, wife of Patrick J. Dooley.

Funeral will take place on Friday, January 5, from Church of St. John the Haptist, corner of Willoughby and Lewis ava. Brooklyn.

DIER.—In Brooklyn, Monday, 1st inst., Francis H.
DIER. youngest son of George Anna and the late John K. Duer, United States navy, in the 21st year of his

K. Duer, United States navy, in the 21st year of his age.

The funeral will take place from St. Peter's church, Morristown, N. J., on Thursday, 4th inst., at two P. M. Train leaves foot of Barclay st, at 12 M. Relatives and friends are invited.

DUNHAM.—At Lancaster, Pa., T. HUNHAM, in the 89th year of his age.

FLYNN,—On Monday, January 1, of pneumonia, Enwand Flynn, aged 65 years.

Relatives and friends of the family, and those of his son, Rev. E. J. Flynn, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from St. Teresa's church, corner of Henry and Rutgers str., where a solemn mass of requiem will be celebrated for the repose of his soul, at half-past ten o'clock on Thursday morning, January 4, after which the remains will be taken to Caivary Cemetery.

Cemetery.

FINN.—On Wednesday, the 3d inst., Susannah M., beloved wite of John F. Fivnn, aged 20 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, 7d Dupont st., Greenpoint, on Friday, at half-past one P. M.

FITZSIMMONS.—On Wednesday, at No. 18 Morris st., the beloved son of George W. and Elizabeth Fitzsimmons.

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Positively no carriages.

Figure Wednesday, 3d, John Fuller, beloved son of Elien Fulier, aged 22 years.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, Friday, the 5th, at one o'clock, from 444 Greenwich st.

Gillins.—On January 2, Mr. F. C. Gillins, native of parish of Drumbiane, county Cavan, Ireland, in the 5th year of his age.

Relatives and friends of the family are requested to attend the funeral, from his late residence, 111 Thora st., Jersey City Heights, thence to Caivary Cometery, by Christopher street ferry, on Thursday, January 4, at one o'clock P. M.

HENNESSEY.—In this city, January 2, Andrew Michael, Hennessey, son of John and Maria Hennessey, aged 21 years, 2 months and 9 days.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, this day (Thursday), at one o'clock P. M., from his father's residence, No. 243 East 29th st.

HENRY.—On Wednesday, January 3, in the 75th year of his age, John Henney, of Cloughûn, county Siigo, Ireland.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, on Friday, the 5th, at two o'clock, from the residence of his son-in-law, George Haas, corner of Hill and Spring streets, West Hoboken, N. J.

HOFF.—In Philadelphia, December 27, 1876, Thomas Henry K. Hoff and grandson of the late Commodore Bainbridge.

Kelly.—At his residence, 654 Washington St., on

MUTTER HOFF, aged 25 years, youngest son of Admiral Henry K. Hoff and grandson of the late Commodore Bainbridge.

KELLY.—At his residence, 654 Washington st., on Wednesday, January 3, Maktin Kelly, aged 39 years. His relatives and friends, and those of his brother James, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from st. Joseph's church, 6th aw, and West Washington place, on Friday, the 5th inst., atteno-clock.

Lacour.—On Tuesday, January 2, Amelia, wife of John W. Lacour.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, 203 Frankin av., Brooklyn, on Friday, January 5, at one o'clock.

Linax.—In this city, Ida L. Linax, of consumption, aged 40 years, 6 mouths and 22 days.

Baltimore and Chicago papers please copy.

LUDLUM.—Suddenly, at her residence, No. 111 5th av., Mrs. Sarah A. Ludlum, widow of the late Nicholas Ludium.

Funeral services at her residence, Thursday, January 4, at ten o'clock A. M. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

Minspacial.—On Tuesday, January 2, Jane W., wife of Philip Milspaugh, in the 65th year of her age.

Services at her late residence, No. 50 Morton st., on Friday, at two o'clock. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Morrell.—At Plandome, Long Island, on Monday, January 1, Susan Morrell, in the 81st year of her age.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend her funeral, from Christ church, Manhasset, on Thursday, January 4, at two o'clock P. M. Conveyances at Great Neck depot on arrival of 12:30 train from Hunter's Point.

Morrison.—In Jersey City, on January 2, Francis

Neck depot on arrival of 12:30 train from Hunter's Point.

Normison, —In Jersey City, on January 2, Francis Morrison, aged 57 years, 3 months.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend his timeral, on Friday, January 5, at two o'clock, from his late residence, 7 Monigomery 8t, Jersey City.

London, Glosgow and Australian papers please copy.

Mowarr —On Tuesday, January 2, Caroline, wife of John Mowait.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the limeral, from her late residence, 104th st., near 10th av. on Thursday, at one o'clock.

Mudgett —On Wednesday, January 3, Relen J., wife of John W. Mudgett, and daugnter of the late Sarah and George Brodie, aged 26.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services, from her late residence, No. 23 East 16th st., corner Broadway, on Saturday morning, at ten o'clock.

MCLRUM.—December 31, of consumption, Robers A. McCRUM.—December 31, of consumption, Robers A.

on Saturday morning, at ten o'clock.

McChrim.—December 31, of consumption, Robert A. McChrim, Staten Island, in the 27th year of his age. The relatives and iriends of the lamily are invited to attend the tuneral, this (Thursday) atternoon, from Caivary Presbyterian church, West Brighton.

McDonald.—Of consumption, Hanriktta McDonald., aged 17 years, 3 months and 22 days, daughter of John and Henrietta McDonald.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her parents' residence, 310 West 24th st., on Thursday, January 4, at one F. M.

McFarland.—On Tuesday, January 2, Margarkt McFarland.—On Tuesday, January 2, Margarkt McFarland, in the 70th year of her age.

Friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her son-in-law, Thomas McKowen, 464 7th av., on Thursday, at one F. M.

McMahox.—On Wednesday, January 3, John McMahox, in the 23d year of his age. The funeral will take place from his late residence, 104 Atlantic av., Brookiyn, on Friday, 5th inst., at three P. M.

All friends and relatives of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

Post.—On Tuesday, January 2, Grack Max, only daughter of John J. and Annie B. Post, aged 2 years and 5 months.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully

daugnter of John J. and Annie B. Post, aged 2 years and 5 months.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, at the residence of het parents, 197 Steuben st. Brooklyn, on Thursday, January 4, at hall-past one o'clock P. M.

QUACKERESH —In Jersey City, on January 1, Abraham QUACKERESH, aged 73 years.

Relatives and friends of the family, Varick Lodge, No. 31, F. and A. M., and Hudson Lodge, No. 41, 0. O. F., of Jersey City, are invited to attend his funeral, this (Taursday) afternoon, January 4, at one o'c'ock, from St. Matthow's church, Sussex st., Jersey City.